THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) and (b) Of the two Units of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Project at Rawatbhata (RAPP Units 3&4) of 220 MWe capacity each, unit-3 has achieved criticality on 24.12.1999.

Expansion of Tarapur Atomic Power Plant

787. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for the expansion of Tarapur Atomic Energy Centre;

(b) whether there are any grievances of the local people about this;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASHUNDHRA RAJE): (a) At Tarapur, TAPS-1&2 (2x160 MWe) have been in operation since 1969. Presently, 2x500 MWe project (TAPP-3&4) is under construction at the same site adjacent to TAPS-1&2.

(b) and (c) There are demands from the local people (of two villages *viz.,* Akkarpatti and Pokharan which are to be acquired for TAPP-3&4) for adequate compensation for land/houses, employment on preferential basis with NPC and contractors, grant of land for land, alternative Goathan etc.

(d) Rehabiliation of about 1167 families are involved. However, no family has been displaced so far. The Government of India and the Government of Maharashtra are already seized of the matter.

Government of India/Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited is ready to provide necessary funds for payment of compensation and for the rehabiliation. package as finalised by the Government of Maharashtra.